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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Hideyuki YAMAGUCHI et al.

Serial No.: 10/031,738

Group Art Unit: 1773

Filed: January 22, 2002

Examiner: Leszek B. Kiliman

For: MULTI-LAYER PAPER PEELABLE INTO AT LEAST TWO TISSUE SHEETS

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Sir:

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2004 NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) to the Director to request withdrawal of a holding of abandonment in connection with the above-identified application. This Petition is submitted in response to a Notice of Abandonment mailed October 8, 2004 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") in connection with the above-identified application. This Petition is submitted within two months of the October 8, 2004 Notice, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f). Accordingly, this Petition is timely filed.

A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. The October 8, 2004 Notice of Abandonment states that the application is abandoned because the issue fee and

publication fee paid on June 16, 2004 purportedly was not timely.

Applicants maintain that the required issue fee and publication fee was paid in a timely manner.

On November 10, 2003, a Notice Of Allowance And Fee(s) Due dated November 5, 2003 mailed by the PTO was received by the undersigned's firm. A copy of the November 5, 2003 Notice Of Allowance And Fee(s) Due is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. However, Applicants did not receive a Notice Of Allowability for this application, along with the November 5, 2003 Notice Of Allowance. Instead, Applicants received along with the November 5, 2003 Notice Of Allowance a Notice Of Allowability for a different application, bearing a different serial number and addressed to another law firm.

After receiving the November 5, 2003 Notice Of Allowance, attempts were made to contact Examiner Leszek B. Kiliman (Art Unit 1773), who is assigned by the PTO to this application, to inquire whether a Notice Of Allowability was mailed by the PTO.

In a telephone conference on December 11, 2003 between Ms. Joanne Rhee of the undersigned's firm and Examiner Kiliman, Ms. Rhee informed Examiner Kiliman that the Notice of Allowability for a different application was attached to the November 5, 2003 Notice of Allowance received by Applicant, and that no Notice of Allowability for this application was, however, attached to the November 5, 2003 Notice of Allowance. Ms. Rhee also requested that the Examiner forward a copy of the Notice of Allowability for this application to the undersigned's firm. Examiner Kiliman advised Applicant to file a written communication requesting reissuance of a Notice of Allowability on an expedited basis.

On December 29, 2003, Applicants filed such a written request (by facsimile and by first class mail). A copy of the December 29, 2003 written request, a copy of the facsimile

confirmation report and a copy of the stamped postcard returned by the PTO bearing the stamp of receipt of the PTO indicating that the December 29, 2003 written Communication was received by the PTO are attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

On January 18, 2004, in a follow-up telephone conference, Examiner Kiliman advised Ms. Rhee that the December 29, 2003 Communication filed by Applicants was received by the PTO on December 31, 2003, but he did not have the physical file. The Examiner also stated to Ms. Rhee that as soon as he received the application file, he would issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

In a telephone conference between Examiner Kiliman and Ms. Rhee on February 5, 2004, Ms. Rhee pointed out that the issue fee and publication fee for the application were due on that day, and the Examiner advised Ms. Rhee that he would issue a new Notice of Allowability and new Notice of Allowance on that day and therefore Applicants need not pay the issue and publication fees due that day.

In reliance on the Examiner's reassurances, Applicants did not pay the issue and publication fees by the February 5, 2004 due date.

In a follow-up telephone conference on February 12, 2004 between the undersigned and Examiner Kiliman, the Examiner stated that he would be acting on the application on that day.

Ms. Rhee placed follow-up telephone calls to Examiner Kiliman on February 18, 2004 and February 23, 2004 and left respective messages on the Examiner's voicemail.

In a follow-up telephone conference between Examiner Kiliman and Ms. Rhee on February 24, 2004, the Examiner stated that a Communication was mailed by the USPTO to the undersigned's office on February 13, 2004 and that Applicants should call back after two or three days if Applicants did not receive the Communication by then. The February 13, 2004

Communication was never received by the undersigned's office.

In a telephone conference between Examiner Kiliman and Ms. Rhee on March 4, 2004, the Examiner advised that he spoke to a clerk supervisor at the PTO and "everything would be taken care of."

As of March 19, 2004, Applicants still did not receive a Notice Of Allowability for this application. Therefore, on that day (that is, March 19, 2004), Applicants filed (by facsimile and by first class mail) a second written Communication requesting a Notice Of Allowability. A copy of the March 19, 2004 Communication, a copy of the facsimile confirmation report and a copy of the stamped postcard returned by the PTO bearing the stamp of receipt of the PTO indicating that the March 19, 2004 Communication was received by the PTO are attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**. The March 19, 2004 Communication preserves for the record the information communicated orally during the various telephone conferences between Examiner Kiliman and Ms. Rhee.

A Supplemental Notice Of Allowability dated May 25, 2004 was mailed along with an Interview Summary (for the February 12, 2004 telephone conference between Examiner Kiliman and the undersigned) by the USPTO. A copy of the May 25, 2004 Supplemental Notice Of Allowability and Interview Summary is attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**. The Interview Summary indicates that the Examiner agreed during the February 12, 2004 telephone conference to issue a supplemental office action.

In a telephone conference between Examiner Kiliman and the undersigned on June 15, 2004, the undersigned inquired why a new Notice Of Allowance which resets the due date for paying the issue fee and publication fee was not issued along with the Supplemental Notice Of Allowability. The Examiner advised that the May 25, 2004 Supplemental Notice Of Allowability established August 25, 2004 (i.e. three months from the date of the Supplemental Notice Of

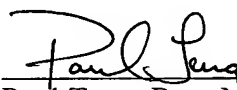
Allowability) for paying the issue fee and publication fee.

On June 16, 2004, Applicants submitted to the PTO the issue fee and publication fee, along with a fee transmittal and a Communication Accompanying Payment Of Issue Fee and Publication Fee. A copy of the fee transmittal, a copy of the Communication Accompanying Payment Of Issue Fee and Publication Fee and a copy of the stamped postcard returned by the PTO bearing the stamp of receipt of the PTO indicating that the issue fee and publication fee and the Communication Accompanying Payment Of Issue Fee and Publication Fee submitted on June 16, 2004 was received by the PTO are attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

Applicants maintain that the issue fee and publication fee was paid in a timely manner, and therefore respectfully request the Director to withdraw the holding of abandonment in connection with this application.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If, however, any fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit 1



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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

Petition to Revoke : 12/8/04 DSL

- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
- ☐ A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____ which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- ☐ A reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a *bona fide* attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below).
- ☐ No reply has been received.
- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- ☒ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on 6-21-4 (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated 6-16-4), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) (or Notice of Publication Fee Due).
- ☐ The submitted fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due.
The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ _____.
- ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).
- ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below: _____

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

Attachment to Notice of Abandonment

For questions concerning the notice contact

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Information is also available on the USPTO Internet web site:

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Respond to the Notice of Abandonment by one of the following:

1. Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (See MPEP 711.03(c) I and 37 CFR § 1.181) No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., a reply was in fact filed), a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action. Any petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment not filed within 2 months of the mail date of a Notice of Abandonment may be dismissed as untimely under 37 CFR § 1.181(f). In order for a petition to be granted, the evidence must be sufficient according to 37 CFR § 1.8(b) Certificate of Mailing; 37 CFR § 1.10 "Express Mail" mailing; or MPEP 503 Postcard Receipt as Prima Facie Evidence. The petition should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop: Issue Fee, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

By facsimile: 703-872-9306

2. Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Action (MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181). No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the original Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was never received, if adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition and remail the Office action. The showing required establishing non-receipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

Petition should be addressed to the Technology Center handling the application as follows:

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3. Petition To Revive An Abandoned Application (See MPEP 711.03(c) III)

Where there is no dispute as to whether an application is abandoned (e.g., the applicant's contentions merely involve the cause of abandonment) a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 (a) or (b) (accompanied by the appropriate petition fee) is necessary to revive the abandoned application. The text of these rules is available on the USPTO Internet Web site. Forms for these petitions, "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR § 1.137(a)," PTO/SB/61, and "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," PTO/SB/64, are available in the forms section of the USPTO website: <http://www.uspto.gov>.

Petitions under 37 CFR § 1.137 should be addressed to the Office of Petitions as follows:

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Note: Abandonment takes place by operation of law for failure to reply to an Office action or timely pay the issue fee, not by operation of the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment

EXhibit 2



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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1330	\$300	\$1630	02/05/2004

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

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☐ Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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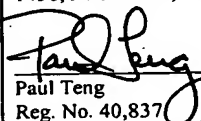
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The issue fee and publication fee are currently set to be due February 5, 2004.

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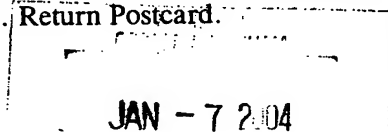
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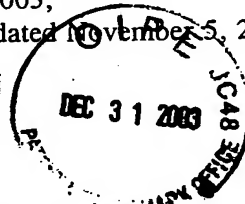
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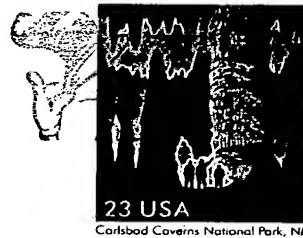
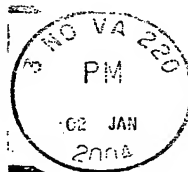
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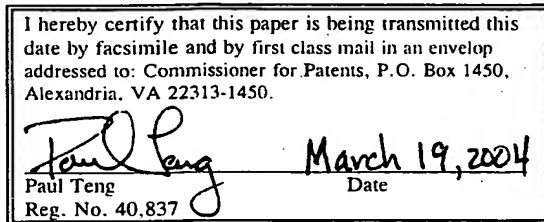
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Application of : Hideyuki YAMAGUCHI et al.

Serial No. : 10/031,738 Art Unit : 1773
Filed : January 22, 2002 Examiner : Leszek B. Kiliman
For : MULTI-LAYER PAPER PEELABLE INTO AT LEAST TWO TISSUE SHEETS
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would issue a new Notice of Allowability and new Notice of Allowance on that day and therefore Applicants need not pay the issue and publication fees due that day.

In reliance on the Examiner's reassurances, Applicants did not pay the issue and publication fees by the February 5, 2004 due date.

It is Applicants' understanding and belief that in a follow-up telephone conference between Ms. Rhee and Examiner Kiliman on February 12, 2004, the Examiner stated that he would be acting on the application on that day.

It is also Applicants' understanding and belief that Ms. Rhee placed follow-up telephone calls to Examiner Kiliman on February 18, 2004 and February 23, 2004 and left respective messages on the Examiner's voicemail.

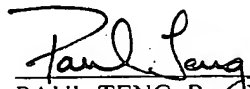
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It is also Applicants' understanding and belief that in a telephone conference between Examiner Kiliman and Ms. Rhee on March 4, 2004, the Examiner advised that he spoke to a clerk supervisor at the PTO and "everything would be taken care of."

To date, the undersigned's office has not received the February 13, 2004 communication purportedly mailed by the PTO nor a second Notice of Allowance or a Notice of Allowability from the PTO.

Applicants hereby confirm that they have no intention of abandoning the application, and again respectfully request that a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance be reissued in order to reset the period for payment of the issue and publication fees, as Examiner Kiliman repeatedly reassured Applicants would occur.

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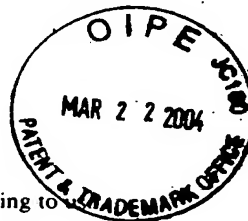
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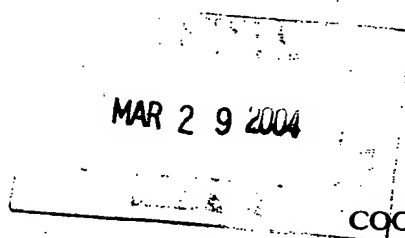
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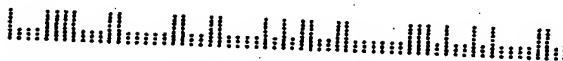


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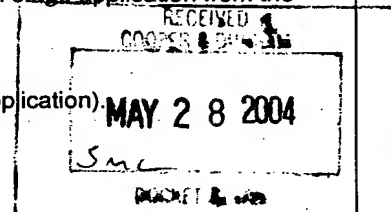
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention claims a multi-layer paper comprising at least two paper layers wherein such multi-layer paper has at least one peelable paper layer interface having a peel strength of 10 N/m or less. The multi-layer paper is peelable into at least two tissue sheets.

The closest prior art references that relate to the claimed invention are Johnson'012, Wang'168, Robinson'157, Webster'762 and Fujimura'712. The prior art references teach different adhesive compositions or different methods that can be used in paper industry to produce peelable articles. The prior art does not , however, teach or suggest the claimed structure and the claimed peel strength of the paper layer interface, which leads to peelable multi-layer paper of the instant invention..

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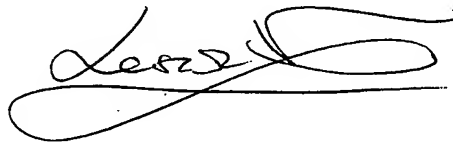
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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) leszek b kiliman.

(3) _____.

(2) P.Teng.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 12 February 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: none.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants indicated to the examiner that pages were missing from the Notice of Allowance mailed 11-05-03. The examiner has agreed to issue the supplemental office action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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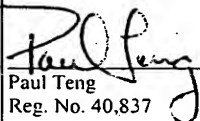
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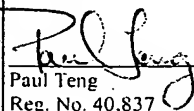
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